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SUBJECT: UNREST IN ALGERIA: SAIDA INCIDENT

REF: ALGIERS 893

1. ON MARCH 22, WESTERN DIPLOMAT GAVE US FOLLOWIING INFORMATION ON LAWLESSNESS IN WESTERN ALGERIAN TOWN OF SAIDA. DIPLOMAT'S SOURCE WAS AN ALGERIAN WHO HAD ALLEGEDLY SPOKEN WITH SAIDA POLICE CHIEF. ACCORDING TO DIPLOMAT'S SOURCE, TWO PEUGEOT 404 AUTOMOBILES WITH FRENCH LICENSE PLATES ATTACKED SAIDA DAIRA (DISTRICT) POLICE HEADQUARTERS AT THE END OF FEBRUARY AND SEIZED ALL ARMS THERE. ATTACKERS THEN FLED AND HAVE NOT BEEN LOCATED. DIPLOMAT'S SOURCE CONSIDERS INCIDENT TO HAVE BEEN ISOLATED ACT OF BANDITRY AND NOT TO HAVE BEEN LINKED WITH LARGER-SCALE SUBVERSIVE EFFORT. NEVERTHELESS, ALGERIAN SECURITY FORCES HAVE, ACCORDING TO SOURCE, TIGHTENED CONTROLS AT AIRPORTS AND ROADS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY.

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2. COMMENT: FOREGOING REPORT IS MOST PRECISE ACCOUNT OF SCOPE OF SAIDA ATTACK GIVEN US TO DATE. HOWEVER, GIVEN OTHER REPORTS OF DISSIDENCE REACHING US, WE ARE NOT YET PREPARED TO CONCLUDE THAT SAIDA INCIDENT WAS SIMPLY AN ACT OF BANDITRY. STEPHAN

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